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Top-notch AFRL people win quarterly honors

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Maj. Gen. Paul Nielsen, Air Force Research Laboratory Commander, recognized eight of his finest employees during the AFRL Headquarters quarterly awards ceremony held Oct. 31.

Col. Brian Jones won Manager of the Quarter for executing the first ever Capability Risk Review and Assessment for the Global Strike Task Force. He provided the Air Force with accurate and timely information to support Global Task Force in filling technology gaps to meet warfighter capabilities.

Rhonda Parker proved herself in the security arena by winning Employee of the Quarter. Parker represented AFRL for security issues on the National Aeronautical Systems and Technology Conference, as well as performing her daily OPSEC duties for AFRL.

“Rhonda plays a key role in reviewing all types of materials — often on tight deadline — before they are released to the public domain. We depend on her knowledge, expertise and professionalism to help us make decisions about what will ultimately be cleared for release. She is incredibly deserving of this award,” said Anne Gunter, director of AFRL Public Affairs.

Nance Holland won Administrative Employee of the Quarter. She eradicated a redundant calendar program, eliminating duplications by 30 percent.

“She has a positive influence on those around her and it was good to have her as the first person you saw when you walked into the command section. She did an excellent job of tracking packages and ensuring nothing slipped through the cracks under her watch,” said Capt. Michael Novy, AFRL executive officer.

The System Administration Team won Team of the Quarter. The team distinguished itself by increasing user performance. Team members include: Paul Fischer, Walt Ponczek, Stephen Puderbaugh, Allan Homan and Edward Matty.

According to Kelly Rushing, Configuration Management and a System Administration customer, AFRL headquarters couldn't function without their support. “They take care of the network and when we have a problem they respond very quickly and with great attitudes.”

The next ceremony is slated for early December. For more information call Cindy Arnett, AFRL awards manager, at 986-9796. @